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B**Supplemental Amendment and Reply**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 28, 2002, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 18), and subsequent to filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) and a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time on November 27, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of